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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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SUPPORTS FOR CATALYSIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MAY 18, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006.

The Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- I. Claims drawn to a catalytic composition, classified in class 502, subclass 159.
- II. Claims 12-22 and 27-38, drawn to a general process of use of the catalytic composition.

In response, applicants elect Group II, without traverse.

Additionally, the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, states that applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The following distinct species are identified: Michael addition reaction, acylation of phenol, c-c bond formation via Suzuki or Heck coupling, and a process of conversion of haloarene to arylalkyne. In

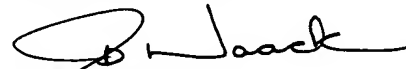
response, applicants elect the species of a process of conversion of haloarene to arylalkyne.
The claims readable upon that elected species are claims 12-22 and 27-38.

The Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, stated that a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire 3 month(s) or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Therefore, this response is filed with a request for a three month extension of time, bringing the response time to November 20, 2006 (November 18, 2006 being a Saturday). Should any other fee be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Howrey LLP Deposit Account No. 08-3038/12740.0266.NPUS01.

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